

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dr. André P. Larson had dedicated himself and his life to music, history, and the collecting and study of rare musical instruments; and,

Whereas, Dr. Larson has spent many years sharing his vision and talents with people, young and old alike, in the development of an appreciation for all aspects of music and the history of musical instruments; and,

Whereas, The greatest manifestation of his interest in music and people is the National Music Museum at The University of South Dakota, where he served for 38 years as Director, since the museum's founding in 1973; and,

Whereas, Dr. Larson, with connoisseurship and indefatigable perseverance, oversaw the development of the collections of the National Music Museum, which now include many of the earliest, best preserved, and historically the most important instruments known to survive, and are the most inclusive in the world; and,

Whereas, Dr. Larson's lifetime achievements have been recognized by induction into the South Dakota Hall of Fame and by the highest honor his peers can bestow, the Curt Sachs Award of the American Musical Instrument Society; and,

Whereas, Dr. Larson's accomplishments are richly deserving of recognition and commendation:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2011, as

DR. ANDRÉ P. LARSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State